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CROSSFIELD, ALBERTA, THURSDAY, JULY 1st, 1915.

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**Binder Twine \$9.25
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WE are soliciting orders for 550 foot Binder Twine for delivery early in August, at a net price of 9½ cents per lb., f.o.b. car Crossfield.

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CHAS. HULTGREN, Crossfield
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Local and General

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. McRory were Calgary visitors last week-end.

Dominion Day passed off as usual in Crossfield, nothing doing!

Mr. J. T. Boucher, of Bottrel, was in town on Wednesday and Thursday on Prohibition business.

Mr. Malcolm McAnally, who is employed by the C.P.R. at Edmonton, is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. P. I. McAnally.

We notice the name of Mrs. Jas. Ledingham as a prize winner for bread at the Calgary Exhibition.

Frank Leveck, Dick Nichols and Purley Courser are the latest from here to join the colors. Frank sure looks well in khaki.

The Rev. F. Cooke, of Westerdale, will preach next Sabbath at Beaver Dam, Sunshine and Crossfield. Mr. Berry will conduct Anniversary services at Westerdale.

Mrs. W. McRory is having a holiday at Banff for a few weeks. It is to be hoped that the change will be beneficial to her.

The Ladies of the Alter Society, of St. Frances' R.C. Church, Crossfield wish to thank the Public for their liberal patronage at their booth on the days of the fair.

Quite a crowd has taken advantage of the cheap fares to visit the Calgary exhibition.

Beaver Dam Picnic, July 7th, be sure and keep the date in mind. A good time assured. Everybody welcome.

The Crossfield Branch of the Women's Institute will visit the Didsbury Branch, and take charge of the programme there on Thursday, July 8th.

All are invited. Be on time for the 15.03 train.

Medal Contest in the interests of Prohibition will be held in the Union Church, on Tuesday, July 13th, at 8.30 p.m.

All interested are invited to be present.

The Cartstars Methodist Sunday School Annual Excursion to Banff, will take place on Thursday, July 22nd. See posters for particulars.

On Monday evening, June 28th, the Fire Brigade held their monthly meeting in the Fire Hall, 21 members being present. Amongst other things it was decided to purchase a cart and three barrels to follow the engines, to convey water. It was also decided that a practice be held on the second Monday in each month besides emergency practices.

The Athletic Club was also put on somewhat of a firmer basis, it being organized, and the various offices being filled for the first time since procuring the uniform, football, etc. The following members were placed in office: J. S. Jose, Manager; J. H. Whitfield, Captain; R. Landburgh, Vice-Captain; and a selection committee comprising of Messrs. S. Collins, Geo. McLeod and S. Willis.

The Season for Hail Insurance is again on, and I can offer to the public the best protection in the largest Co.'s in the world. Choose the best at the same price as the rest. See me for particulars. Only 6 per cent.

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Flies breed filth and propagate disease by carrying and distributing germs fatal to humanity

How can we prevent it?

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Let us show you. No time to wait. Do it Now.

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CROSSFIELD DISTRICT ASSOCIATION U.F.A.

THIS SPACE is retained for the use of Members of U.F.A., to Advertise anything they may want to Sell, have to Buy or Exchange.

It is hoped that liberal patronage will be given this space, and listings not later than Tuesday evening of each week handed to the Editor or A. A. Hall, Secretary.

Lost or Strayed.—One two-year old Heifer, red and white.

Branded **SH** on right rib.—A. F. Smith.

For Sale—Oats, Wheat and Barley.—Apply R. M. McCool.

For Sale—Two 2-year old Shorthorn Bulls, or will trade for stockers.—G. Treverton Jones.

Wanted—Two Fresh Milk Cows.—C. S. James, Phone 515.

For Sale, 24 Pigs, 3 months old; or will trade for oats.—Joe Cressman.

For Sale—A few young Brood Sows, also some Spring Pigs.

Apply L. V. Bliss.

To be Sold, or will Trade for Young Stock, 3 good Shorthorn

Dairy Cows. Apply Wm. Brandon, 8 miles S. of Crossfield.

For Sale—One Hereford Bull. J. Roedler. Phone 417.

Lost or Strayed.—One Yearling Steer, branded **ICU** on left ribs, also one Cow same brand. T. C. Hubbs.

Members of Sunshine Union: Final limit for 1915 dues expired July 1st. Members in arrears will be deprived of the privileges of the Union.

Binder Twine \$9.04, must have orders at once.—Secy.

Free to Members of U.F.A.

A. A. HALL, Secretary.

Floral School—Promotion Examination.

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MARY L. MCANALLY, Teacher.

Estray Notice.

Strayed on the premises of Mr. Cal. A. Murdoch, 7½ miles S.W. of Crossfield.

One White Bull, no visible brand; One Red Cow branded **R2** with Calf at foot; also one Red Heifer, one year old, no visible brand.

JOHN LENNON, Brand Reader.

For Sale or Exchange.

FOR SALE CHEAP—30 acres (\$2,500) near Appledale.—(for quick sale \$400).

Easy terms.—Will trade for five acres on east side Kootenay Lake. Box 1172, Nelson, B.C.

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Crossfield Fair.

The long looked for and much talked of day arrived, the weather conditions being ideal. The stores and most of the houses displayed flags and bunting, which gave the town quite a gay appearance. All kinds of vehicles began to arrive loaded with holiday makers early in the day, and everyone evidently means to have a good time.

The entries for the different classes were up to the standard, judging commenced by just after nine a.m. We give below a list of the prize winners.

Amongst the Exhibits under the grand stand were those of the Dominion Experimental Farm at Lacombe, which was a new feature this year, and while not very extensive, it was both interesting and educational, the bees being quite an attraction. Mr. A. E. Ronyn, who had charge, was kept quite busy explaining the different articles under his care, and was both courteous and obliging.

Mr. F. Collicutt's prize Herefords were again a feature at this year's fair amongst the cattle, and many were the favorable comments paid them.

The show of horses was better this year than ever before, and without doubt the quality is improving each year.

The building for the exhibits was too small to show the different articles off to the best advantage, a structure as large again could have been easily filled, and the exhibits would have shown up better.

CYDESDALES.

4 years and over...E. Richards 1st, J. Lau 2nd.

3 years and over...Chris. Asmussen 1st, A. D. Brown 2nd.

2 years...W. Stanford 1st.

Broad Mare with foal at foot...W. B. Edward 1st.

PERCHERONS.

4 years and over...D. K. Pike 1st, Washington Alberta Land Co. 2nd.

3 years and over...Frank Trea 1st.

2 years and under...Washington Alberta Land Co. 1st and 2nd.

Broad Mare to foal within 3 months...Washington Alberta Land Co. 1st and 2nd.

Broad Mare with foal at foot...Washington Alberta Land Co. 1st and 2nd.

BELGIANS.

Stallion, 4 years and over...M. S. Matt 1st.

LIGHT HORSES - HACKNEYS.

Stallion, any age, 1st Geo. Spence

Mare, any age, 1st Geo. Spence

STANDARD BREDS.

Stallion, any age, 1st Vic Houde

Mare, any age, 1st and 2nd V. Houde

THOROUGHBREDS.

Stallion, any age, 1st A. C. Redford

Carstairs.

SADDLE HORSES, 14-2 and under.

1st Jno. Morrison, 2nd R. E. Charlton

14-2 and under.

1st R. C. Phillips, 2nd W. Landymore

Filly or Gelding, cocker, 1st V. Houde

McBean, 2nd J. Grasley

Filly or Gelding, 2 years, 1st J. H.

Bliss, 2nd Esther Monop

Filly or Gelding, foal, 1st V. Houde,

2nd Jno. Grasley

GARREAGE HORSES.

Team, 1st L. A. Seely, 2nd W. Landy-

more

Singe Driver, 1st R. E. Charlton.

Filly or Gelding, 2 years, 1st Dobson Bros., 1st, 2nd Dobson Bros., foal, 1st Dobson Bros.

AGRICULTURAL CLASS.

Team in Harness...Dobson Bros. 1st

and 2nd.

Dry Mare or Gelding...Dobson Bros.

1st and 2nd.

Mare to foal within 3 months...Dobson Bros. 1st, Washington Alberta Land Co. 2nd.

Broad Mare with foal at foot...Dobson Bros. 1st and 2nd.

Gelding or Filly, 3 years...John Lowe

1st, Dobson Bros. 2nd.

Gelding or Filly, 2 years...Dobson Bros. 1st, Jas. Cavendar 2nd.

Gelding or Filly, 1 year...Dobson Bros. 1st and 2nd.

Broad Mare with 2 of progeny...Dobson Bros. 1st and 2nd.

Best 4 Females...Dobson Bros. 1st, Jas. Cavendar 2nd.

Fool-Dobson Bros. 1st, Jas. Cavendar 2nd.

4-Horse Team in Wagon...Dobson Bros. 1st.

Special Class - Best Team in Harness,
Dobson Bros.

HEAVY DRAFT CLASS

Team in Harness...Frank Trea 1st,

Dobson Bros. 2nd.

Mare, any age...Dobson Bros. 1st,

Washington Alberta Land Co. 2nd.

Broad Mare to Foal within 3 months...Dobson Bros. 1st, D. J. Miller 2nd.

Broad Mare, Foal foot...Washington Alberta Land Co. 1st and 2nd.

Gelding or Filly, 3 years...Dobson Bros. 1st, D. J. Miller 2nd.

Gelding or Filly, 2 years...Dobson Bros. 1st and 2nd.

Gelding or Filly, 1 year...Dobson Bros. 1st, E. Richards 2nd.

Broad Mare and Two of her progeny...Washington Alberta Land Co. 1st, Dobson Bros. 2nd.

Best 4 Females...Dobson Bros. 1st, Washington Alberta Land Co. 2nd.

Fool...Frank Trea 1st, R. M. McCool 2nd.

4-Horse Team...Dobson Bros. 1st, Washington Alberta Land Co. 2nd.

Best Team in Harness...Frank Trea 1st, Dobson Bros. 2nd.

CATTLE - SHORTHORNS.

Bull, 3 years and over...D. M. Riddle, Cartairas 1st.

Bull, 2 years and under...W. Landy-

more 1st.

Cow, 3 years and over...Geo. Patmore 1st.

HEREFORDS.

Bull, 3 years and over...F. Collicutt 1st and 2nd.

Bull, 2 years and under...F. Collicutt 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

Cow, 3 years and over...F. Collicutt 1st and 2nd.

COW, 2 years and under...F. Collicutt 1st and 2nd.

POLLED ANGUS.

Cow, 2 years and under...Geo. Landy-

more 1st.

AYRSHIRES.

Bull, 2 years and under...G. Becker 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

Bull, 2 years and over...G. Becker 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

Cow, 2 years and under...G. Becker 1st and 2nd.

BEEF CATTLE.

Best Cow...F. Collicutt 1st and 2nd.

Best Steer...F. Collicutt 1st and 2nd.

GRADE DAIRY COWS.

Best Cow...G. Becker 1st and 2nd.

Special Prize - Best Herd of Dairy Cows...G. Becker.

SWINE.

Poland China Boar...J. Mason 1st.

Potted Angled Sow...J. Mason 1st.

Grade Sow or Boar...J. Mason 1st.

Judge's note: This class was judged from the standpoint of pork, and T. Twedale was given 1st place, and W. Twedale has a good Berkshire grade sow, with 10 splendid pigs at her side, she is naturally pulled down in flesh with her pigs, but is clearly worth a special 1st prize, and I would recommend that special prize.

POULTRY.

Barred Rock, hen...G. Landymore 1st.

Buff Orpington, cock...Mrs. B. P. Wonsors 1st. Hen, Pen 1st.

White Wyandotte, cock...Mrs. L. Aldrich, Cartairas, 1st and 2nd. Hen, 1st and 2nd, Pen, 1st and 2nd.

Columbian Wyandotte, cock...J. Morrice 1st and 2nd.

Columbian Wyandotte, hen...J. Morrice 1st and 2nd.

Rhode Island Red, S.C. cock...G. Landymore 1st.

Rhode Island Red, S.C. hen...Mrs. L. Aldrich, Cartairas, 1st and 2nd.

Rhode Island Red, R.C. pen...J. A. Sackett 1st.

Rhode Island Red, R.C. cock...J. A. Sackett 1st.

White Wyandotte, cock...Mrs. L. Aldrich, Cartairas, 1st and 2nd.

White Wyandotte, hen...Mrs. L. Aldrich, Cartairas, 1st and 2nd.

White Wyandotte, pen...J. A. Sackett 1st.

White Wyandotte, cock...J. Morrice 1st and 2nd.

Utility cock...J. Morrice 1st and 2nd.

Utility hen...J. Morrice 1st and 2nd.

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DUCKS.

Pekin, male...Stanley Reid 1st.

Pekin, female...Stanley Reid 1st.

Eggs.

Tweedie 1st.

1 doz. hen Eggs, white...Mrs. W.

Twedie 1st.

1 doz. hen Eggs, brown...Mrs. L. B.

Aldrich, Cartairas, 1st.

1 doz. hen Eggs, brown...Mrs. E.

Wegner 2nd.

Darning 1st.

Mrs. J. Ledingham

Fatching, 1st Miss M. Cook, 2nd Mrs.

J. Ledingham

Fatching, 1st Mrs. Matilda, Braided, 1st Mrs. E.

Richards 2nd.

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Drafting Dogs for the War

Stray Canines in Vienna Are Bounded up and Sent to the Front For Military Service

When the dog catcher of Vienna runs across a stray dog, fed, unregistered dog, says a correspondent of the Chicago Daily News, he no longer thrusts him into a wire cage and hauls him off to the dog pound. He says, "Come along to be the recruiting sergeant."

The Austria has found a new fine idea. They go to war. The dogs are going in squad, in companies and battalions, out beyond the Carpathian hills, to help the Red Cross guard on the outskirts of the army, to procure valuable information about the enemy and to act as faithful messengers of the Red Cross—recruit corps.

Like the dogs of the St. Bernard station, high in the Alps, these war dogs are sent there to recruit human beings. It is well known that wayward men frequently crawl into the dens under the snow to find them, to carry on temporary relief, and finally to lead the Red Cross men to their side will be the last step in their careers, though some will assist the patrols or stand guard with the outposts through the night, and for sounds to give the direction of the approaching foe. Other dogs will be sent out to determine whether trenchers of the enemy have passed or are still occupied, information usually gained only with danger to the soldiers.

A big force of these dogs of war left Vienna with their banners the other day. Twenty Red Cross men led a great number of trained dogs through the snow-covered mountain station. It was a grand day for dogs. Each recruit wore a spray of flowers in his collar.

At the start the customary formal programme, never omitted in Austria, was given. A physician of the general staff of the Red Cross formally welcomed the men, and a special charge of the dogs formally replied. Both addresses were delivered in polished rhetorical language, and the mail bags containing the dogs' names were handed over to the dogs, no one knows, but it is safe to say that they enjoyed to the full the distribution of presents. And then the dogs began yapping, barking and wagging their tails furiously.

Austria is training more dogs, and the demand is increasing, like to make serious inroads on Vienna's dog colony. But there is one consolation for the animal rights people or turn-of-the-century dog fanciers—it has so far been decided that the dog catcher viewed the concourse of purebred animals as a natural prey, and the dogs were to be valued as his legitimate prey. The cafe loungers and the boulevardiers, who like to let the animal rights people object, "The dog catcher said he thought the dogs would be valuable in the trenches, because they kept the flies away,"

Others who could not see the use of this endeavor with utt an outlet will now go in.—Toronto Globe.

Opening up New Granary

Far North Peace River District to do Patriotic Share

The vast agricultural sector of the Peace River district in Alberta will next fall pour the results of the crop into the imperial granary basket. H. C. W. Gross, attorney-general in the Alberta government, explained that the coming harvest in the heart of the Peace River district would have similar significance to the forcing of the Vandals, in that it will bring rich returns to the land and grain.

Hon. Mr. Gross was unable to estimate the amount of grain to be harvested, but said there would be thousands of bushels. To that stored away now must be added this year's crop, which he said would be greater even in that fertile section.

"The Peace River district and that part of the country to the west of the part of the west that is not receiving immigrating on homestead land," said Mr. Gross. "This he explained, "is the result of the fact that the land is too dry to grow grain." To find them men to carry on temporary relief, and finally to lead the Red Cross men to their side will be the last step in their careers, though some will assist the patrols or stand guard with the outposts through the night, and for sounds to give the direction of the approaching foe. Other dogs will be sent out to determine whether trenchers of the enemy have passed or are still occupied, information usually gained only with danger to the soldiers.

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An Economic Reform

Savings and the Result of Temperance in Russia

A United States consular report from Petrograd records, says the Chicago Tribune, that the increase in the savings bank of Russia and tributes this phenomenon chiefly to the closing of the vodka traffic. The vodka traffic is the chief source of wealth for the government by the principal and local governments of the sale of intoxicants generally.

In April 1913 the aggregate deposits in the institutions in question amounted to \$17,510,000; for 1914 the total was \$43,260,000. In April 1915, for the corresponding month of 1914, the total was only \$36,000,000. For the first six months of 1915, the total amount of the current year the total deposits were nearly \$8,000,000, compared with a pitiful \$15,000 for the corresponding weeks of 1914.

Of course other factors have contributed to the result, but a sharp reduction in the importation of luxuries and economy has been practised even by the middle and upper classes, but the chief factor in the suppression of the vodka traffic is the major factor so far as the poor elements of the urban and rural society are concerned.

Recent information indicates that the government is disposed to modify the law, so as to permit the importation of beer, wine and beer, and the sale of light beers and light wines. Not only Russian interests but French as well have been instrumental in bringing about the suppression of the vodka traffic in the name of prosperity for great industries and groups of influential persons in France and Russia.

It is true that it takes nine hours to get back to Winnipeg along the same road. This incident illustrates a phase of the present situation. Some years ago a lot of young fellows started in various lines of business, including the real estate business. They made \$10,000 a week, and it was natural to believe that they were really competent business men and moneymakers. The fact was they were not. They did not materially effect the peasant millions and the factory workers or the patrons of the vodka shops.

Damage by German Cruisers

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"More than a year ago when the bicycle craze began I was persuaded to buy a bicycle. That was early in the week, and the following Saturday morning, some of my friends suggested to me that we should ride down to Selkirk, 20 miles away. I decided to take up the sport, and so I had to learn to ride. I was persuaded to make the excursion and before I got to Selkirk I had to learn to ride a bicycle as a rider. The day was fine, the road was good, and the trip was enjoyable. We had dinner in Selkirk, and at 3 o'clock in the afternoon we started home. I then discovered that I had not really driven my wheel to Selkirk, at all. I had been carried there by a team of horses. It took us nine hours to get back to Winnipeg along the same road. This incident illustrates a phase of the present situation. Some years ago a lot of young fellows started in various lines of business, including the real estate business. They made \$10,000 a week, and it was natural to believe that they were really competent business men and moneymakers. The fact was they were not. They did not materially effect the peasant millions and the factory workers or the patrons of the vodka shops.

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(Continued)

The quick blood came flashing to Geoffrey's face. He had never seen Vera so pale and cold before. Was she a woman or not a girl who was speaking now? Geoffrey resented these questions: they came as a teacher addressed a student.

"I cannot tell you," he said. "It has to do with the family secret."

"And you expect me to believe this, Geoffrey?"

"Of course I do," Geoffrey cried. "You ever know me to tell you a lie. After all those years we have been together, you are going to be jealous of the first woman who comes along. Have I been mistaken in you, Vera?"

The girl's beautiful eyes filled with tears. She had been sorely vexed and hurt, far more hurt than she cared to admit. She knew that Geoffrey had lied to her that he had wilfully deceived her, that he was going to see this creature of whom he was secretly ashamed, that she had lied to him that could seek her company without suspicion in the minds of others.

"If you give me your word of honor, I'll tell you what you know."

"No, no," Geoffrey cried. "I merely state the facts and you may believe them as you please. You can tell me, May I decline to say. How I have come acquainted with her I also decline to explain. Suffice it that she is Mrs. Jessop and that she has rooms at Jessop's farm."

"And that is all you are going to tell me, Geoffrey?"

"Yes, yes. If you have lost your faith in me—"

"Oh, no, no. Don't say such cruel things. Geoffrey! When I left my parents and came to the world! And when I found that letter, when I knew what you said about Alice—"

She paused unable to proceed. Her little hands went up imploringly and Geoffrey caught them in his own. He drew her to his side and gazed into her eyes.

"Darling," he whispered, "you know that I love you!"

"Yes, dear, it was foolish of me to doubt it."

"I love you now and always. I can never forget it. I did not intend to tell you about this moment because it was all part of the secret. The wise man among us has said it, and his word is law. The secret is safe with Uncle Ralph."

Vera nodded with a smile. She had not let a secret in common with Ralph?

"Safe no more," she whispered. "I am ashamed of myself."

Geoffrey kissed the quivering red lips passionately.

"I'll give you your own, Vera," he said.

"Never! I am not necessary, Geoffrey, was foolish. I wish thought known better. Not another thought will I give to Mrs. Mona May."

Vera spoke with a smile. But our thoughts are often masters and they were so far from this case. Mrs. May was a name gravida on Vera's mind. She dimly remembered when with fervent gratitude she blessed the hour when she had found that letter.

CHAPTER XX.

A Fascinating Woman

Mrs. Jessop's simple parlour had been cleaned beyond recognition. The fine Chippendale furniture had been brought forward; the gaudy settees and sofas had been covered with fine English silks and tapestries. A pair of old Dudson porcelain pickle stoneware on the table, and under pink shades the candlesticks cast a glamour of dappled light upon damask and silver and china.

As Geoffrey was ushered in, Mrs. May came forward. She was dressed elegantly, her powdered hair and arms and shoulders gleamed dazzling almost as the diamonds that were as frost stars in the glorious night of her heart. One of the few flowers some flower unknown to Geoffrey was in her breast. As to the rest, the flowers were all faded. The effect was slightly dazzling.

Mrs. May came forward with a smile.

"So you have managed to elude the Philistines," she said. "Ah, I guessed that you would say nothing to your friends about our little dinner."

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There was an eager note in the words that conveyed a half question.

"May I venture to suggest that the knowledge is not displeasing to you?" he asked.

"Well, I admit it. In the circumstances to explain would have been a bore. Your people cannot call on me to be here, but I suppose they might not care for you to come here. Therefore, being a man of the world, you told them nothing about it."

Geoffrey smiled. Had he not been warned against this woman by Ralph, her subtle flattery would have put him off his guard. It was always sweet and soothing for a youngster to be taken for a man of the world.

"You have guessed it all," he said. "My great secret is given away. I have no tolerance for anything that is not en rege. What an exquisite cigarette!"

More he nodded. They were excellent cigarettes, as also was the liquor she insisted upon pouring out. He had never tasted anything like it before.

And the dinner when it came was a little poor, though it was a fine dish of fowl on the table that had no history. Long before the meal was over Geoffrey found himself forgetting all about it.

Not that Geoffrey had anything to be afraid of. He knew that in some way this woman was connected with his mother, and he had for some time known to the contrary, she might be the spirit directing the tragedies.

He was her enemy, though she simpered over him as a kind of temptation calculated to turn cooler heads than his. But, at any rate, she was a woman of the world, and he was pathetically interested in the family, as she explained with kindness and feeling.

Then there is that poor blind gentleman," she said sweetly.

They were bent over her desk. She was peeling a peach daintily. There was a ring in her voice that acted on Geoffrey as a cold douche when a woman whose senses are blurred with liquor does. Some old timers told him they were approaching the crux of the interview.

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"Strange," he said. "He did not stop away from me, however, knowing that my family curse must overtake him."

Geoffrey shuddered. His shoulders trembled.

"What can an unfortunate like that live for?" he asked. "He is broken in mind and body and has no money. He is a pauper. The old fox will crawl into the hole to die. And we are getting used to this curse by this time."

He had to be told that she was not the one to expect the truth coming to light.

It was on the tip of Geoffrey's tongue to speak freely of his hopes and fears, but he held his breath, head over the table, saying nothing till he felt he had full control of his voice once more. Then he spoke in the same hoarse whispering tone.

"I have become a fatalist," he said. "Please change the subject."

Mr. May was very surprised and easily annoyed. And he in a few moments the doings of the Ravenspurs were on her tongue again, almost unconsciously, though she had never mentioned them.

"I have a son," she said, looking about the room. "He is a swashbuckler, a woman, children, dogs all turn to him with the same implicit confidence."

"Marion seems to be a warm favorite," Geoffrey said. "And yet I gather that she does not hold first place in your affections?"

"I am engaged to my cousin Vera," Geoffrey said. "She is a girl who can be girl lovers before Marion can be us. Otherwise—well, we need not go into that. But I never saw any one like Marion till tonight."

Mrs. May looked up swiftly.

"What may I mean by that?" she asked.

"I mean exactly what I say, in certain ways, in certain lights, under certain conditions your face is marvellously attractive, Mrs. May."

As Geoffrey spoke he saw that the blood had left the cheek of his companion.

Her face was deadly pale, with the breast seemed to grow more vivid.

There was a motion of the elbow and a wine glass went crashing to the floor. The woman stooped to raise the fragments.

"How clumsy of me," she said. "And you will remember me so well."

"I'm afraid I'm a little tongue-tied, the doctors tell me—not nothing serious, however. That's all."

But Geoffrey was taking no heed.

(To be Continued)

Must Have Milk For Baby

An Austrian baby, which had been deserted by its parents, has been adopted by a Russian regiment.

The baby, a son of a giant Tchuvash soldier from the steppes of Russia, who on the strength of recommendations from the United States, professes to be an expert nurse.

Hearing that milk was to be had in the enemy's camp, the Tchuvash made his escape at midnight.

The Anstrians shot him through the fleshly part of the leg and took him prisoner.

The baby was called after the Duke, Comandante-in-chief.

The baby is called after the Grand Duke, Comandante-in-chief.

A London teacher asked her class to write an essay on the metropolis. Later she was surprised to read the following in one attempt:

"London is a dirty, smoky city. The Duke of Marlborough is noted for their stupidity."

The young author was asked how he had got the idea.

"Please excuse me," was the reply, "it says in the book text book that London is very dirty."

Prisoner.—They say Time waits for no man!

Judge (passing sentence).—Quite a number of men here are three months waiting for you!

G.T.P. Changes

Advices received at the Grand Trunk Pacific railway headquarters announced as acting superintendent of Brooks, Alberta, superintendant of motive power with headquarters at Transcona, vice Mr. J. Birmingham, will be succeeded by Mr. W. G. C. Nelson.

The appointment of Mr. W. G. C. Nelson general superintendent of Grand Trunk Pacific lines west, of Prince George, has been extended to include the section between Prince George and Edmonton.

Barnyard Society

"Well, dear me," chirped the young hen, "I am getting on in the finishing school."

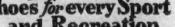
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"Here is an old hen chaperoning a whole seminary of chickens."

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The suggestion of Mr. H. C. Smith, of Brandon, Manitoba, New Brunswick. Wonderful. Numerous diversions, springs or bounces, etc., are provided in the form of slides, blinds and draw-strings. Blinds and draw-strings as you would a broken window. No holes, no handles, clean. Sent on trial to prove it.

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